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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 316

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 11, 2010

BILL AMENDED: Feb 11, 2010

SUBJECT: Dating Violence Policy and Education.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Rogers

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Porter

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires the Department of Education, in collaboration with recognized state and national organizations of interest, to develop or identify model healthy relationship educational materials and a model for dating violence response policies and reporting. It requires the Department to make the healthy relationship models that are developed or identified available to assist schools with the implementation of healthy relationship education programs and dating violence response policies by July 1, 2011.

Effective Date: July 1, 2010.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The Department of Education (DOE), in collaboration with recognized state and national organizations of interest, would have to develop or identify educational materials on healthy relationships. The bill also directs the DOE to obtain or design procedures for responding to and reporting incidents of dating violence. These must include a zero-tolerance policy towards dating violence, guidelines concerning protection orders issued on behalf of students, the designation of a prevention coordinator to act as a liaison to the community, and discipline procedures.

Educational materials must incorporate information on the characteristics of healthy and unhealthy relationships, warning signs of dating violence, recommended courses of action for individuals who may witness an incident of dating violence, methods of educating parents, and community involvement.

The educational materials and procedures must be made available to school corporations not later than July 1, 2011. The bill's requirements may represent an additional workload [and/or expenditure] on the agency outside of the agency's routine administrative functions, and existing staffing and resource levels, if currently being used to capacity, may be insufficient for full implementation. Ultimately, the source of funds and

resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend on legislative and administrative actions.

Background Information: According to data from Clarian Health, 11.6% of Indiana high school youth reported being hit or physically hurt by their boyfriend/girlfriend; approximately 13.2% of females and 3.2% of males reported being physically forced into sexual relations.

Indianapolis was one of eleven cities nationwide to receive a four-year grant of up to \$1M on behalf of an initiative to prevent intimate partner violence. The program is currently being implemented at Westland Middle School and is expected to be implemented in Eastbrook Middle School in 2010. It targets students 11 to 14 years old but can also be extended to engage older teens. A school official at Eastbrook Middle School indicated that the training requirements for school teachers and administrators were minimal. The cost of the training material per student is approximately \$215.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has also developed a program on dating relationships and has published a community action kit that discusses the program and has information on other resources. It also publishes several DVD/CD Combo packages on different aspects of dating violence. The cost for each package ranges from \$15 to \$55.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: DOE.

Local Agencies Affected: Schools

Information Sources: Start Strong: <http://www.startstrongteens.org>; *Safe Dates: An Adolescent Dating Abuse Prevention Curriculum*: <http://www.hazelden.org>; Ms Kelly Bremer, Program Coordinator, Health Promotions, Clarian Health, 317-962-5604; Mr Thomas A. Oestreich, Assistant Principal, Eastwood Middle School, 317-259-5401; *Assessing the Long-Term Effects of the Safe Dates Program and a Booster in Preventing and Reducing Adolescent Dating Violence Victimization and Perpetration*, Foshee et al, American Journal of Public Health, April 2004, Vol 94, No.4; Choose Respect Initiative: <http://www.chooserespect.org>.

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